

and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

### *Amendments*

#### *In the Claims:*

Please cancel claim 39 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following claim 36 for the pending claim 36:

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36. (once amended) A method for identifying compounds that have the activity of inhibiting sister chromatid separation in eukaryotic cells, comprising:

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- (a) incubating with a test compound a separin, in the presence of a substrate for its proteolytic activity; and
  - (b) determining the inhibiting effect of the test compound on the proteolytic activity of the separin.
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